

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), the leading genetic killer of children under the age of two, is a group of inherited and often fatal diseases that destroys the nerves controlling voluntary muscle movement; and

**WHEREAS,** SMA crosses all ethnic, racial and socioeconomic boundaries, and can strike anyone of any age or gender; and

**WHEREAS,** SMA patients are classified into four types based on milestones achieved at the onset of SMA with Types I and II being the most prevalent; and

**WHEREAS,** the observance of SMA Awareness Month provides an opportunity to help raise awareness and promote research into this devastating disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2007 as

### SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to help raise awareness and find a cure for SMA.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**